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SUBJ: CAMBODIAN REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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SUMMARY: THIS CABLE SUMMARIZES DATA ON REFUGEES
EVACUATED FROM PHNOM PENH TO THAILAND. END SUMMARY.

1. MOST RECENT COUNT OF KHMER

REFUGEES WHO ENTERED
THAILAND UNDER USG AUSPICES STANDS AT APPROXIMATELY 1,100.
ADDITIONALLY, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 10 VIETNAMESE NATIONALS
AND 50 PERSONS WHO POSSIBLY COULD BE CLASSIFIED CHINESE
NATIONALS WHO WERE EVACUATEE BY USG AND HAVE PROBABLE
CLAIM TO PAROLE. THIS MAKES A TOTAL COUNT OF ABOUT 1,200

REFUGEESEVACUATED BY USG WHT ARE POTENTIAL PAROLEES.

2. ABOUT TWO-THIRDS OR APPROXIMATELY 800 OF THE 1,200 ARE
USG EMPLOYEES AND THEIR DEPENDENTS. THE REMAINDER
ARE EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS OF U.S. CONTRACTOR COMPANIES,
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IN CAMBODIA. A VERY SMALL NUMBER EVACUATED WERE
NON-US-COMPANY/AGENCY EMPLOYEES AND FAMILIES.

3. ABOUT ONE-FOURTH OF THE 1 200 OR ABOUT 300 PERSONS, ARE
EMPLOYEES OR POTENTIAL EMPLOYEES IN THE FORM OF EXPANDED
FAMILY MEMBERS OF WORKING AGE. THREE-FOURTHS OR 900 PERSONS
ARE WIVES AND CHILDREN.

4. APPROXIMATELY TWO-THIRDS OF 1,200 HAVE NO VALID TRAVEL
DOCUMENTS, THOUGH SOME HAVE IDENTIFICATION CARDS AND OTHER
PAPERS OF IDENTITY.

5. SOME OF THE CHINESE NATIONALS HAVE CHINESE PASSPORTS
BUT CLAIM RESIDENCE IN CAMBODIA AND SEEK REFUGEE/PAROLE
STATUS ON BASIS KHMER NATIONALITY OF OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS,
NO TIES IN TAIWA , NO CHINESE LANGUAGE, ETC. EMBASSY
ASSUMES THAT GIVEN CURRENT SITUATION IN VIETNAM, THE
VIETNAMESE EVACUEES ALSO MEET PAROLE CRITERIA.

6. IN ADDITION TO 1,200 POTENTIAL REFUGEES/PAROLEES
EVACUATED BY USG, EMBASSY ANTICIPATES UP TO 500 KHMER/
VIETNAMESE NOW IN THAILAND AND HAVING ARRIVED BY RKG
AIRCRAFT, COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT OR OVERLAND, MEET PAROLE
CRITERIA. THIS GROUP CONSISTS MAINLY OF FORMER RKG
OFFICIALS, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN, AND PRIVATE BUSINESS-
MEN AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ALL OF WHOM BELIEVE THEIR
PRIOR OCCUPATIONS AND/OR CONNECTIONS MAKE THEM SUSCEPTIBLE
TO REPRISALS SHOULD THEY RETURN TO CAMBODIA.

7. LIST OF NAMES OF POTENTIAL PAROLEES BEING TRANSMITTED
WITHIN NEXT 24 HOURS. NAMES OF TCN'S, BOTH THE SMALL
NUMBER CLAIMING REFUGEE/PAROLEE STATUS AND MUCH LARGER
NUMBER IN PROCESS RETURNING TO THEIR COUNTRY OF ORIGIN,
ALSO BEING CABLED WITHIN 24 HOURS. AS EVACUEES UNDER
USG AUSPICES OUR RESPONSIBILITY TCN'S IS TO ENSURE
THEIR DEPARTURE FROM THAILAND IN ACCORDANCE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN USG AND RTG.
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